CLAIMS

1. Protective tube of the invention comprising a plurality of threads (1) which are braided, knit-braided, knitted or woven to one another to form a mesh, is characterised in that it comprises tearable mesh fixing means (2, 3) in such a way that, upon tearing said fixing means (2, 3) said mesh elongates and its internal diameter decreases.

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- 2. Protective tube according to Claim 1, characterised in that said fixing means are a plurality of threads made from a polymeric thermoplastic material (2) welded to the mesh and disposed in parallel to each other onto said mesh.
 - 3. Protective tube according to Claim 2, characterised in that said threads (2) that make up the fixing means are disposed longitudinally in regard to the tube.
 - 4. Protective tube according to Claim 1, characterised in that said fixing means are a plurality of weld points (3) that can be torn away from the threads (1) that form the mesh.
- 5. Protective tube according to Claim 4, characterised in that said threads that make up the mesh are made from a polymeric material chosen from types such as, polyester,

polyamide, polyethylene, polypropylene, or polyphenylensulphide.

6. Protective tube according to Claim 4, characterised in that a part of the threads (1) that make up the mesh are disposed parallel to each other and to the longitudinal axis of the tube.

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